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**From:** Maier, Brent  
**Sent:** Thur 8/20/2015 6:16:00 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Question on EPA Participation in Next Week's Walking Tour or Meeting Regarding the Homeless Encampment Issue

Mary Ann –

I wanted to follow up with you on the next week's walking tour on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and the meeting on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to the EPA's ongoing response actions related to the Gold King Mine, I wanted to let you know that my colleague, Steven Leonido-John, Director of EPA's Southern California Field Office has asked me to reach out to see if he is only able to attend one of next week's events, whether you have a preference on which one he attends. Unfortunately, he is not able to attend both, but given EPA's limited role and the hierarchy of responsibility within the local Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) regarding the homeless encampments issue raised by your office, do you have a preference for EPA's participation in either the walking tour on Tuesday or the meeting in the Congresswoman's office on Friday. Please let me know and I will pass that along to Steven Leonido-John. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

Brent Maier

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**Subject:** RE: U.S. EPA Follow Up Information Regarding Congresswoman Napolitano's Call to EPA Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld

Hi Brent,

Thanks for the call today and the information below. As we discussed the Congresswoman has Army Corps of Engineers, local and county already on board with the situation.

Per our discussion here is the information regarding the walking tour and follow up meeting.

Walking tour: Tuesday, August 25, 2015

8:00 a.m.

Meet at 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte, CA 91010

Contact person: Azusa Police Captain Steve Hunt 626-812-3266 (would be good to RSVP to him regarding joining the walking tour)

Follow up meeting at Congresswoman Napolitano's office

Friday, August 28, 2015

10:00 a.m.

4401 Santa Anita Avenue, Suite 201

El Monte, CA 91731.

We are hopeful you are able to send staff to one or both of these meetings, but understand the current situation in Colorado is taking most of your resources.

Feel free to contact Hector or myself if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks again!

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Hector –

As a follow up to our conversation recently following Congresswoman Napolitano's call to EPA Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld, I wanted to share some information I have learned from discussions with our Superfund Division's Section Chief for our Emergency Response Section, Harry Allen. I discussed with him how the Congresswoman mentioned in her phone message that the Cities of Duarte and Azuza are facing the challenge of a number of homeless encampments along the San Gabriel River, and that the homeless are collecting spent casings from a nearby shooting range and then smelting them in fire pits along the river banks and how the Congresswoman raised concern in her message that these smelting operations have the potential to contaminate the groundwater and/or San Gabriel River and wanted to see whether EPA might be able to offer any assistance to address this issue. Because these homeless encampments are located along the San Gabriel River, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) – Los Angeles District would have jurisdiction regarding these homeless encampments, your office may wish to reach out to their Congressional Affairs Office to alert them to this issue and seek their assistance. Their contact information is as follows:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)

Los Angeles District

915 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90017

ACOE Congressional Affairs - (213) 452-3963

My colleague, Harry Allen, Chief of our Emergency Response Section mentioned that the Cities of Duarte and Azuza are likely working with their local fire departments and contacts in Los Angeles County regarding potential environmental issues related to these homeless encampments. If Los Angeles County officials determine that there is a role for the U.S. EPA's Emergency Response Section, they will reach out to Harry Allen to discuss at the following contact information:

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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